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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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| HUGHES, HOOKER & CO. AND | : |
| HUGHES, HOOKER (CORRESPONDENTS) S.A., | : |
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| Plaintiffs, | : |
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| -against- | : |
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| AMERICAN STEAMSHIP OWNERS MUTUAL | : |
| PROTECTION AND INDEMNITY ASSOCIATION, | : |
| INC., SHIPOWNERS CLAIMS BUREAU, | : |
| JOSEPH E.M. HUGHES, THOMAS J. MCGOWAN, | : |
| AND VINCENT J. SOLARINO, | : |
| | : |
| Defendants. | : |
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DECLARATION OF
 LAWRENCE J. BOWLES

Lawrence J. Bowles hereby states as follows:

1. I am a member of the Firm of Nourse & Bowles, LLP, attorneys for defendants, and a member of the bar of this Honorable Court.

2. Attached as Exhibit "1" is my letter of April 24, 2004 demanding arbitration on behalf of the American Club against Defendants in London and requesting that this action be withdrawn. Defendants refused this request (Exhibit "2") making a motion to stay necessary.

3. Attached as Exhibit "3" is a Declaration of Nicholas George Parton received today, with its attachments.

I declare under penalty of perjury under 28 U.S. Code § 1746 that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed: New York, New York
April 10, 2006

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L J Bowles", written in black ink.

Lawrence J. Bowles